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H.B. No. 319

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a distance learning program at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 67, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 67.28 to read as follows:

Sec. 67.28. DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM AT LAW SCHOOL. (a) The board shall establish a program that allows a student admitted to The University of Texas School of Law to participate in the student's first year of classes remotely from a facility at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

(b) The program must be administered in a manner that is consistent with the accreditation requirements for the law school.

(c) The board shall ensure that at least five students are allowed to participate in the program during each academic year. The law school may allow more than five students to participate in the program during each academic year.

SECTION 2. The board of regents of The University of Texas System shall ensure that the distance learning program under Section 67.28, Education Code, as added by this Act, begins not later than the 2018 fall semester.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.